

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman and Lipsey.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lemmons, III.

Representative Gosselin moved to excuse Representative Lemmons, III. The motion was supported by **Representative Lipsey**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 4357** before the committee:

HB 4357 Rocca Holidays; "Firefighters Memorial Day"; establish as September 11.

TESTIMONY

Representative Rocca explained the bill to the committee.

Todd Tennis, representing Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, supported the bill.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to adopt the following amendments to **HB 4357**. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**.

1. Amend page 1, line 3, after "**DESIGNATE**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**11**" on line 4 and inserting "**May 4**".
2. Amend page 2, line 4, by striking out "**SEPTEMBER 11**" and inserting "**MAY 4**".

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 4357** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**.
The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen and Tobocman
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Chairman Drolet opened the floor for a discussion on the Michigan Department of Civil Rights alleged involvement in political campaigns.

TESTIMONY

Daniel P. Bojalad, Director of Management Services of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Gloria Gonzales, Executive Assistant to the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Chairman Drolet, opened the floor for discussion on the Performance Audit of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry and related Bureau of Reimbursement Activities and the Performance Audit of the Veterans Affairs Directorate.

TESTIMONY

Scott Strong, Deputy Auditor General and Director of Audit Operations.

Scott Hazel, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Auditor General.

Therese Regner, Audit Division Administrator, Office of the Auditor General.

Lynn Green, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Auditor General.

Chairman Drolet announced that the committee on Government Operations has received, on behalf of the Michigan House of Representatives, the following performance audits from the Office of the Auditor General:

-Performance Audit of the Veterans Affairs Directorate, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

-Performance Audit of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry and Related Bureauwide Reimbursement Activities, Bureau of Hospitals, Centers, and Forensic Mental Health Services, Department of Community Health.

Representative Garfield moved to adopt the minutes of **March 22, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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1 Hour and 15 Minutes